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- 1. Title of the Design: Extending and contracting pipe
- 2. Scope of the Utility Model Claim Extending and contracting pipe characterized in that a plurality of pipe bodies which are able to slide freely in the axial direction are fitted together with each other to link up, oblique edges which open out into external insertion end parts on all the abovementioned 10 pipe bodies are formed and also annular engagement parts are formed in the vicinity of internal insertion end parts, and coupling bodies which comprise, at both ends or at one end at least, engaging single projections where one part of the abovementioned 15 oblique edges has been cut out on the external insertion end parts of all of the abovementioned pipe bodies, which projections mesh with the abovementioned annular engagement parts and joining parts which join with the adjacently installed oblique edge parts, are 20 attached so that they are respectively urged in the direction of engagement.
 - 3. Detailed Description of the Design
- 25 The present design relates to an extending and contracting pipe which is used in extension pipes or the like in electric vacuum cleaners, for example.
- There are various types of prior art extending and contracting pipes in which a plurality of pipe bodies are fitted together to link up with freedom to slide in the axial direction and all the pipe bodies can be joined in a fixed manner when they have been extended. Furthermore, there are also systems among these which are configured, for purposes of ease of handling, in such a way that the pipe bodies fit together with one another automatically when they have all been extended and thereby maintain the extended state. However, when the pipe is shortened, it is necessary to remove the

stoppers of each engagement part one by one, and this is inevitably unsatisfactory for extending actions and shortening actions in an extending and contracting pipe.

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The present design aims to produce an extending and contracting pipe with which it is possible to easily shorten a multi-stage pipe body by simply releasing a single coupling body at the time of shortening, and with which there is improved operability at the time of extending said pipe.

The present design is a system which is characterized in that a plurality of pipe bodies which are able to slide freely in the axial direction are fitted together 15 with each other to link up, oblique edges which open out into external insertion end parts on all the abovementioned pipe bodies are formed and also annular engagement parts are formed in the vicinity of internal insertion end parts, and coupling bodies 2.0 comprise, at both ends or at one end at least, engaging single projections where one part of the abovementioned oblique edges has been cut out on the external insertion end parts of all of the abovementioned pipe bodies, which projections mesh with the abovementioned 25 annular engagement parts and joining parts which join with the adjacently installed oblique edge parts, are attached so that they are respectively urged in the direction of engagement. Accordingly, in order to set the device in its extended state, the engaging single 3.0 projections of the coupling bodies automatically mesh with each of the annular engagement parts by the pipe bodies simply being pulled out, which produces a locked state, and, in the case of shortening, if each of the pipe bodies is made shorter by operating the coupling 35 body at one end to release the locked state, the pipe bodies are automatically shortened by simply applying force to the pipe bodies in the axial direction, by virtue of the fact that the joining parts of each of the coupling bodies are joined at their oblique edges, and the locked state is released in sequence.

One exemplary embodiment of the present design will be described with reference to the drawings. The present exemplary embodiment relates to an extension pipe for an electric vacuum cleaner, and a pipe body (3) acting as a relay pipe is inserted with freedom to slide in the axial direction into a pipe body (2) which comprises a tapered connection part (1) to which a 10 flexible pipe (not shown) is connected, a pipe body (5) which comprises a tapered connection part (4) to which a dust collection port body (not shown) or the like is connected is inserted with freedom to slide in the axial direction into said pipe body (3). Then, an 15 oblique edge (7) which opens out into a cone shape and a stopper edge (8) with an internal diameter which fits the dimensions of the external diameter of the abovementioned pipe body (3) are formed on the external insertion end part (6) of the abovementioned pipe body 20 (2). Furthermore, a stopper edge (10) with an external diameter which fits the dimensions of the internal diameter of the abovementioned pipe body (2) is formed the internal insertion end part (9) of the abovementioned pipe body (3), and a thin annular 25 engagement part (11) is formed somewhat towards the tip end of said stopper edge (10). A stopper edge (13) with an internal diameter which fits the dimensions of the external diameter of the abovementioned pipe body (5) is formed on an external insertion end part (12) of the 30 abovementioned pipe body (3). In addition, a stopper edge (15) with an external diameter which fits the diameter dimensions of the internal abovementioned pipe body (3) is formed on an internal insertion end part (14) of the abovementioned pipe body 35 (5), and a thin annular engagement part (16) is formed somewhat towards the tip end of said stopper edge (10).

Then, a partial cut-out part (17) is formed on the abovementioned oblique edge (7) of the abovementioned pipe body (2), and also single projections (19) facing away from the outer peripheral surface (18) of the abovementioned pipe body (2) are formed, a coupling body (20) is inserted between said single projections (19) and the abovementioned cut-out part (17), and the central part of said coupling part (20) is rotatably attached to the abovementioned single projections (19) by means of a support shaft (21). An engaging single 10 projection (22) which engages with the abovementioned annular engagement part (11) and an oblique part (23) whose angle approximates that of the abovementioned oblique edge (7) are formed towards the tip end of the abovementioned coupling body (20). Furthermore, bosses 15 (24) (25) which respectively face away from the base part direction inner surface of the abovementioned coupling part (20) and the abovementioned peripheral surface (18) are provided, a compression spring (26) is attached to said bosses (24) (25) and 20 the abovementioned coupling body (20) is urged in the direction of engagement.

Next, single projections (28) facing away from the outer peripheral surface (27) of the vicinity of the 25 external insertion end part (12) of the abovementioned pipe body (3) are formed, a coupling body (29) is inserted between said single projections (28), and the central part thereof is rotatably attached to the abovementioned single projections (28) by means of a 3.0 support shaft (30). An engaging single projection (31) which meshes with the abovementioned annular engagement part (16) is formed towards the tip end of the abovementioned coupling body (29), and a joining part (32) which joins to the abovementioned oblique edge (7) 35 or the abovementioned oblique part (23) is formed in the base part direction. Furthermore, bosses (33) (34) which face away from the base part direction inner part of the abovementioned coupling body (29) and the abovementioned outer peripheral surface (27) are formed, a compression spring (35) is attached to said bosses (33) (34) and the abovementioned coupling part (29) is urged in the direction of engagement.

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In a configuration of this kind, as shown in Figure 3, the normal state is the shortened state, but when the pipe is extended for use, the pipe body (2) and the pipe body (5) are grasped and are each pulled out in the axial direction. By means of this, the engaging 10 single projections (22) (31) of the coupling bodies (20) (29) mesh with the annular engagement parts (11) (16) when they come into alignment therewith, and the pipe body (2)/pipe body (3) and the pipe body (3)/pipe body (5) are fixedly coupled, as shown in Figure 2. In 15 this state, the pipes will not shorten even if force is applied in the axial direction. Next, in order, shorten the pipes, as shown in Figure 3, first of all the coupling body 20 is pushed and caused to rotate in the direction of compression of the compression spring 20 (26), the engaging single projection thereof is moved apart from the annular engagement part (11), and the pipe body (2) and the pipe body (3) are released from the locked state. In this state, the pipe body (3) enters the pipe body (2) when the pipe body (3) is 25 pushed towards the pipe body (2). Then, lastly, the engaging part (32) of the coupling body (29) joins to the oblique edge (7) or the oblique part (23), the coupling body (29) rotates in the direction of flexure of the compression spring (35), according to the angle 30 thereof, and said engaging single projection (31) moves out of the annular engagement part (16). By virtue of this, the locked state of the pipe body (3) and the pipe body (5) is released, the pipe body (5) also enters the pipe body (3), and the assembly 35 shortened, as shown in Figure 3. Moreover, when this kind of shortening operation is performed, the weight of the pipe bodies (3) (5) acts in the axial direction and they respectively become shorter, as described

above, provided that the assembly is upright with the pipe body (5) on top, while the coupling body (20) is released. Furthermore, when the pipe body (2) connected to an electric vacuum cleaner, negative pressure is produced inside and force is generated in the axial direction and the assembly is shortened in the same way as described above by virtue of the fact that the connection port (4) side of the pipe body (5) is closed off and the electric vacuum cleaner is driven.

abovementioned exemplary embodiment, description has been given of an assembly comprising pipe bodies (2) (3) (5) in three stages, but four or more stages may also be provided. In this case, the intermediately positioned coupling body comprises an oblique part and an engaging single projection on one side, and a joining part on the other. Furthermore, it is not limited to being used as an extension pipe for

an electric vacuum cleaner. 20

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With the present design as described above in a system in which a plurality of pipe bodies are fitted together with freedom to slide in the axial direction, it is possible to cause the meshing of the engaging single 25 projection of the coupling body which is attached to the external insertion end part of one of the pipe bodies adjacently installed on the annular engagement part formed on the internal insertion end part of the other pipe body simply by extending the fitting 30 portions of all of the pipe bodies, and by virtue of this, it is possible to automatically set the assembly in an extended state, and furthermore, in the case of shortening the assembly, the joining part of coupling body in the locked state is joined to the 35 adjacently installed oblique edge or oblique part, and it is possible to automatically release the locked state by applying force in the axial direction to the pipe body while operating the coupling body at one end to release the locked state, and accordingly it is possible to shorten the assembly with a one-touch action, which makes the shortening operation extremely easy to perform.

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- 4. Brief Description of the Figures
 The figures show one exemplary embodiment of the present design, and Figure 1 is an oblique view, Figure 2 is a longitudinal cross-sectional side view of the extended state, and Figure 3 is a longitudinal cross-sectional side view in the shortened state.
- 2 3...pipe body, 5...pipe body, 6...external insertion end part, 7...oblique edge, 9...internal insertion end part, 11...annular engagement part, 12...external insertion end part, 14...internal insertion end part, 16...annular engagement part, 20...coupling body, 22...engaging single projection, 23...oblique part, 29...coupling body, 31...engaging single projection, 32...joining part.

Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3



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2. 実用新案登録請求の範囲

軸方向に振動自在の複数本の管体をそれぞれ嵌(合させて速散し、前配各管体の外挿端部に拡開す 。 る傾斜線を形成するとともに内挿端部付近に環状 。 係合部を形成し、前配各管体の外挿端部に前配傾 , 斜線の一部を切欠いて前配環状保合部に嚙合う係 。 合実片と隣股の傾射線部に接合する接合部とを両 。 端に有するかまたは少なくとも一端に有する連結 10 体をそれぞれ係合方向に付勢して取付けたことを 11 特徴とする伸縮管。 12

3. 考案の詳細な説明

この考案は、たとえば電気掃除機の延長管など : に利用される伸縮管に関するものである。

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後来、複数本の管体を軸方向に預動自在に嵌合: させて連設し、それらを延長させたときに各管体 2 を勘定的に連結しらるようにした 仲離管は、 種々 の形式のものが存する。また、これらのうち、取 扱いを容易にする目的で、各管体を延長させたと きには自動的にそれぞれが係合して延長状態を維 6 持するように構成したものも存する。しかしなが フ ら、 縮少する場合には各係合部のストッパーを偏 々に解除しなければならないものであり、延長操 。 作と船少操作とを伴う伸縮管としては必ずしる消 11 足すべきものではない。

この考案は、延長時の操作性の良好であること 12 はもとより、縮少時にも一個の連結体を解除する 13 だけで多段の管体を簡単に縮少させりる伸縮管を 14 得ることを目的とするものである。 15

この考案は、軸方向に擅動自在の複数本の管体 をそれぞれ嵌合させて連載し、前配各管体の外揮 端部に拡開する傾斜級を形成するとともに内挿端 部付近に環状係合部を形成し、前配各管体の外挿 婚部に前記領針録の一部を切欠いて前記環状係合 部に噛合り係合與片と隣股の傾斜銀に接合する接 合部とを両端に有するかまたは少なくとも一端に 有する連結体をそれぞれ係合方向に付勢して取付 けたことを特徴とするものである。したがつて、 延長状態にセットするためには、各管体を単に引 き出すことにより連結体の係合処片が環状係合部 🛚 にそれぞれ自動的に暗合つてロック状態とし、 少させる場合には一端の連結体を操作してロック 状態を解除した上でそれぞれを縮少させれば、各 連結体の接合部が傾斜銀に接合して順次ロック状 is

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態が解除されることにより、単に軸方向への力を 1 管体に与えるだけで自動的に報少されるものであ 2 る。

この考案の一実施例を図面に基づいて説明する。ィ 本実施例は電気掃験機の延長管に関するもので、 可挽管(図示せず)が接続されるテーパ状の接続 6 部(1)を有する管体(2)に中継管としての管体(3)が軸 ፣ 方向に摺動自在に挿入され、この管体(3)に集畫口 8 体(図示せず)等が接続されるテーパ状の接続部。 (4)を有する管体(5)が軸方向に摺動自在に挿入され 🗈 ている。そして、前記管体(2)の外挿端部(6)に円錐 !! 状に拡開する領斜級(7)と前記管体(3)の外径寸法に 22 道合した内径のストッパー 鉄(8)とが形成されてい ¹³ る。また、前記質体(3)の内挿端部(9)に前記管体(2) □ の内径寸法に適合した外径のストッパー 縁(10)が形 15 成され、このストッパー最個のキヤ先端方向に溝 : 状の環状係合部側が形成されている。前配管体(3) 2 の外挿燈部間には、前配管体(5)の外径寸法に適合 3 した内径のストッパー最個が形成されている。さ 4 らに、前配管体(5)の内挿雑部14に、前配管体(3)の 5 内径寸法に適合する外径のストッパー最低が形成 6 され、このストッパー最低のヤヤ先端方向に帯状 7 の環状係合部傾が形成されている。

しかして、前配管体(2)の前配類組級(7)に部分的。
な切欠部(3)が形成されるとともに、前配管体(2)の。
外周面(2)に相対向する突片(19)が形成され、これら 11
の突片(15)間と前配切欠部が間に連結体(2)が挿入さ 12
れ、この連結体(20)の中央部は支軸(2)により前配突 13
片傾に回動自在に取付けられている。前記連結体 14
(20)の先端方向に、前記環状係台部(1)に係合する係 15

合與片間と前記傾斜最(7)と近似した角度の傾斜部とが形成されている。また、前記連結体間の基準が方向内面と前記外周面間とにそれぞれ相対向するポス(4)質が設けられ、これらのポス(4)質に圧縮には偽が取付けられて前記連結体関は係合方向に対象されている。

ついて、前配管体(3)の外挿端部(3)付近の外周面 7 (3)に相対向する突片(3)が形成され、これらの突片 8 (3)に相対向する突片(3)が形成され、これらの突片 8 (4)に連結体(3)が挿入されてその中央部は支軸(3) 9 により前配突片(3)に包動自在に取付けられている。10 前配連結体(3)の先端方向に前配環状係合部傾に積 11 合う係合実片(3)が形成され、基部方向に前配傾針 12 緑(7)または前配傾斜部(3)に接合する接合部(3)が形 13 成されている。また、前配連結体側の基部方向内 14 成されている。また、前配連結体側の基部方向内 14 がと前配外周面(3)とに相対向するポス(3)的が形成 15 され、これらのボスの分に圧縮ばねのが取付けられて前記連結体のは係合方向に付勢されている。 2

このより左構成において、通常は第3図に示す 3 ように縮少状態にあるが、延長して使用する場合 には管体(2)と管体(5)とを把持して軸方向にそれぞ れを引き出す。これにより、各連結体の四の係合 奥片四旬は環状係合部側側に一致したときそれら と噛合い。 管体(2)と管体(3) かよび管体(3)と管体(5) とを第2図に示すように固定的に連結する。この 。 状態では軸方向に力を与えても仲組はしない。つ いで、焦る圏に示すように絡少するためには、ま :: ず、連結体側を押えて圧縮ばね鈎が圧離される方 12 向に趨動させ、その係合與片間を環状係合部制か らはずし、管体(2)と管体(3)とのロック状態を無験 14 する。この状態で管体(3)を管体(2)方向に押し込む 15

と管体(3)は管体(2)内に入り込む。そして、ついに は連結体間の兼合部間が傾斜量(7)または無斜部間 2 に接合し、その角度に応じて連結体側は圧縮ばね 因を拠ませる方向に駆動し、その係合突片印が環 状保合部鎖から抜け出す。これにより管体(3)と管 体(5)とのロック状態が解除され、管体(5)も管体(3)。 内に入り込み。第3図に示すように全体が縮少さ れる。なお、このような絹少操作を行なり場合。 連結体間を解除しつつ管体(5)が上になるよう全体 を立てれば、各管体(3)(5)の自重が軸方向に作用し て前述のようにそれぞれが縮少される。また。管 🗈 体(2)が電気掃除設に接続されている場合には、管 12 体(5)の接続口(4)領を閉塞して電気掃除機を駆動す ることにより、内部に負圧が生じて軸方向の力が 14 15 発生し、前述の場合と同様に縮少する。

前記実施例にかいては、管体(2)(3)(5)を三段のもっのについて説明したが、四段以上の複数段にしてった。 まい。この場合、中間に位置する連結体は、領 3 針部と係合実片とを一方に有し、接合部を他方に 4 有するものにする。また、その用途も電気掃除機 5 の延長管に限られるものではない。

この考案は上述のように、軸方向に摺動自在の : 複数本の管体を連設したものにかいて、各管体の 。 嵌合部分を単に延長させるだけで管体の内គ畑部 9 に形成された環状係合部に隣設する他の管体の外 10 挿端部に取付けられた連結体の係合実片を噛合わ 11 せることができ、これにより自動的に延長状態に 12 セットすることができ、また、縮少させる場合に 13 は一端の連結体を操作してロック状態を解除させ 14 つつ管体に軸方向の力を与えるだけで、ロック状 15

腺にある連結体の接合部が購設の傾射級または傾 1 斜部に接合して自動的にロック状態を解消させる 2 ことができ、したがつて、ワンタッチ動作で縮少 3 させることができ、仲稲操作をきわめて容易に行 4 なりことができるものである。

4. 図面の簡単な説明

図面はこの考案の一実施例を示すもので、第1 ; 図は斜視図、第2 図は延長状態の縦断側面図、第 5 3 図は総少状態の縦断側面図である。

2~3…質体、5…質体、6…外類雜部、7… 10 類解釋、9…内類端部、11…環状保合部、12…外 11 類端部、14…内類雄部、16…環状保合部、20…連 12 結体、22…保合突片、23…類斜部、29…連結体、13 51…保合突片、32…移合部

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